

Amusements

POLI'S

Inclement weather conditions with the thermometer flirting with the zero mark haven't noticeably interfered with business at Poli's theatre, where capacity audiences have been the rule at every show this week. The big houses, too, have been pleased mightily with the very attractive program of vaudeville and hotoplayers, every one of which is a real feature.

In the vaudeville bill, "The Freshman," a musical comedy in tabloid with half a dozen clever people, has proved a big hit. Some snappy songs numbers with bits of delicious comedy are happily arranged, and the costuming of the production is a real delight.

Other very attractive numbers in the vaudeville bill, which will be seen at 7:30 and 9:30 this evening, include "Kiss, Kiss, and Robinson," a non-sensical skit called "Fun in a Music Store," Allen and Lowe, in a classy arrangement of songs and dances.

Arthur Wade and Company, in a sensational bicycling comedy, acrobats, and Walters and Walters, in a different sort of ventriloquial oddity.

The photoplay feature is a five-part adaptation of Mary Louise Downing's romantic drama, "Dimples." That exquisite little star, Mary Miles Minter, is seen in a most attractive role and has the support of a capable company of film favorites, including Thomas J. Carrigan.

EMPIRE

The ninth episode of the Universal master serial, "Graft," will be the featured attraction at the above theatre today.

This episode treats the subjects of Graft among the dope dispensers. It shows how the snow is distributed by "runners" and how it is graft that saves those who are at the head of this work that brings suffering and misery to thousands yearly.

Each episode of this serial is complete in itself and the series as a whole are proving that no more sensational thrillers, heart-interest serials has heretofore been attempted.

Tomorrow's feature will be "Secret Love," a five-part Bluebird master-production featuring Helen Ware and an all-star Universal cast.

In conjunction with "Graft" we will show Harry Carey in "The Knight of the Range," in a five-part feature. Starting today and every Wednesday we will show a five-part feature with our regular show.

PLAZA

Loredo's Models, America's most beautiful and fascinating posing novelty, headlines the bill at the Plaza today and a splendid headline attraction it makes. There are three perfectly formed women and a man in the act and their work is highly artistic and interesting. The offering is also handsomely staged. If you want a good, hearty, rib-tickling laugh, you couldn't find a better medium than by taking in Herbert Ashley & Co.'s new skit. Mr. Ashley is recognized as one of the cleverest and funniest Hebrew character comedians in the world of variety and he has a splendid vehicle in his latest laughing success in which he is assisted by a young boy with an oddly pleasing voice of rich tones.

The remainder of the vaudeville is composed of Quinn and Lafferty in a dainty offering of song and dance that is winning them favor at every appearance and The Three Higgess in a feat of melody and mirth that is also proving a winner.

Bessie Barriscale, Lewis Stone and Walter Edwards are featured in "Honor's Altar," a remarkable Triangle production in five parts. The story is impressive, the acting praiseworthy, and the settings of the picture gorgeous.

Eddie Foy and seven little Foyas make their first appearance as Keystone stars in "A Favorite Fool," a two-part comedy that affords Mr. Foy many opportunities to get in his original humor that made him famous on the speaking stage.

Douglas Fairbanks, the Broadway favorite, in "His Picture in the Papers," a five-part Triangle, and William Collier, the world renowned comedian, in "Better Late Than Never," will be seen the latter half of the week.

WEST END THEATRE

Today the West End theatre on State street, near Clinton avenue, presents Grace Ellison, the prominent stage star, in a five act Metro picture entitled "Black Fear."

There are many thrilling moments in "Black Fear," the latest release on the Metro, program from the studios of the RKO Photoplays, Inc., in which Grace Ellison makes her screen debut. Among the more notable scenes are a faithful reproduction of the Juvenile Court in New York City, a Supreme Court scene, a big ball room scene, the home of a wealthy broker in River-



SCENE FROM BLACK FEAR

sides Drive, and many other interesting localities in the metropolis. No expense has been spared either in the production, or in obtaining the best talent possible. "Black Fear" promises to be the sensation of the season. Added features: Bryant Washburn and Will Craig in "Pieces of the Game," three act Essanay drama; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in "Too Clever by Half," Vitaphone comedy.

Tomorrow: Blanche Sweet in "The Daily Matinee 2:30 p. m. Tel. 2228 13.—Adv.

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TWO MEMBERS OF GIFTED FAMILY IN LYRIC PERFORMANCE

Bridgeport is fortunate this week in having two talented members of a gifted family playing leading parts in the famous drama, "Madame X." Miss Cecil Spooner, and her sister, Miss Edna May Spooner, are both starred in that well known attraction at the Lyric theatre. Miss Edna May Spooner is known as a dramatic actress of much ability but it was not until yesterday afternoon, when she made her first local appearance, as Jacqueline, Madame X, that Bridgeport had an opportunity to judge her in that particular kind of acting. Miss Spooner put a great deal of feeling into the part which sent the majority of the audience home in tears. Her acting in the court scene was particularly praiseworthy.

In a part that was as different as two parts could be different from that of her sister, Miss Cecil Spooner, appeared as Helene, the dance of Raymond, Madame X's son. Miss Cecil was as dainty and delightful as ever. The small but interesting role of Marie was capably portrayed by Miss Beulah Monroe, while Miss Reta Villers appeared as Rose.

As a brilliant young lawyer, trying his first case, Pell Trenton has one of the best parts in which he has appeared in Bridgeport. Frederick Clayton gives a splendid portrayal of Larque, the unscrupulous Frenchman, while Edward Davidson and J. Lewis Ungerer as Parrissard and Merival add anew to their popularity as versatile actors. Philip Leigh, whose appearance is always greeted with much applause, makes the part of Victor, porter at the hotel, a distinct one. William Melville, a new member of the company, does some excellent good work as Florio, the husband of Jacqueline, while Clyde Armstrong, who is also new to Bridgeport, gives a very good portrayal of Joel, his friend. Robert Lawrence as the public prosecutor, is particularly splendid, and Darrell Vinton as president of the court, conducts the trial in a most efficient manner. The part of Dr. Chennal is played by Russell Bingham. George Kelley is clerk of the court and Robert Crawford, foreman of the jury.

Dancing Class Changed.

Members of the Friday evening dancing classes at Quilty's School of Dancing will take notice of a change in meeting place this week and next week to room 10 of the Colonial ball room. The Friday evening class will meet at the ball room in the Masonic Temple, the beginners from 8 to 9, teaching the waltz, and from 9 to midnight, the class for advanced dancing, and social dancing. For single charge of admission with instruction in the new dances. The Thursday evening class will meet as usual in the Colonial ball room, beginners 8 to 9, and advanced private lessons are given every afternoon and evening at the Colonial ball room at moderate terms.—Adv.

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Washington's Birthday Will Be Occasion of Gathering of Notables.

Grand officers of the United States, the grand lodge of the state of Connecticut and local officers of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., will hold an executive meeting in Bridgeport, February 22, which will be followed by banquet and entertainment to members of the craft in Lyric hall. The nature of the national business to be transacted is not divulged and will likely be discussed in executive session.

Among the national officers to be present are: George H. Nuttall, Pawtucket, R. I., grand master; Joseph N. Hartford, New Bedford, Mass., deputy grand master; J. S. B. Clarke, Fall River, grand secretary; George Lord, Providence, R. I., grand treasurer, and John G. Ritter, Philadelphia, Penn., past grand master. The directors of the grand lodge who have accepted invitations to come here are: Joseph Armstrong, Philadelphia; Charles B. Barnes, Baltimore, Md.; John Pusill, Providence, R. I.; George H. Keewell, Middleboro, Mass.; John Rigg, New York city.

The opening session of the national directors' meeting will begin at nine o'clock in the morning and it is expected will be concluded in time for the banquet in the evening.

The meeting of the Connecticut state grand lodge will include Past Provincial Grand Warden A. W. Ross, Bridgeport; Oscar Greenwalk, New London, provisional deputy grand warden; Provisional Treasurer Henry C. Stevenson of Bridgeport; Provisional Corresponding Secretary Charles E. Barnes, Baltic; and Provisional Grand Warden Charles Wright of Bridgeport.

Under the direction of Abraham Lincoln lodge, 7,674, a banquet will be served in the evening which will be attended by Nancy Lincoln lodge, No. 1. This is the first lodge of ladies to be instituted under the Manchester Unity here and their members will sit in the main dining hall to listen to the addresses. Delegations of Odd Fellows and ladies will come from Stamford, New Haven, Waterbury and New London.

The banquet committee includes Provincial Grand Master Charles Wright, a sketch of whom has recently been published in the Manchester Unity Bulletin, one of the foremost workers in the cause of Odd Fellowship in this state; Thomas Hart and A. W. Ross.

Manchester Unity is over 100 years old and today registers more than one million members. The local lodges have high standing in the order and are active in work throughout the United States.

Officers of the local lodge are: Charles Hetherington, grand master; Charles Cook, noble grand; Clarence Taylor vice grand; Stephen Horton, Sr., chaplain; Fred Wharton, secretary; William Evans, treasurer; Stephen Horton, Jr., recording secretary; Harvey Calliss, guard.

HELD FOR PASSING CHECK.

Willimantic, Conn., Feb. 16.—Frank Daniels, of New London, pleaded guilty in the police court today to passing a worthless check on a local merchant and was held under \$500 bonds for trial in the superior court. When arrested last night he said he was Nathan Lawrence, of New London, but today he told the police his correct name.

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